

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : PERINI  
Serial No. : 10/527,903  
Confirm. No. : 9066  
Filed : March 14, 2005  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD...  
Art Unit : 1734  
Examiner : James D. Sells  
Dated : October 24, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated June 25, 2007 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired September 25, 2007.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$60.00 (fee code 2251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For: MCGLEW AND TUTTLE, P.C.

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DATED:       October 24, 2007  
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.